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SUBJECT: JOINT SUBCOMMISSION ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:  
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI

REF: STATE'S 262176 THE EMBASSY TO DISCUSS THE THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS' AGENDAS, DOST (DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY) DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, DESHPANDE, HAS CONTINUED TO CALL IN THE S & T COUNSELOR FOR PERTINENT DISCUSSIONS. THE SUBSTANCE OF REFERENCED CABLE APPEARED VERY SATISFACTORY TO THE DOST. THIS CABLE SUMMARIZES THE STATE OF PLAY FROM THE DOST STAND-POINT AS REFLECTED IN A TWO-HOUR SESSION WITH DESHPANDE AND A FIFTEEN MINUTE SUMMARY SESSION WITH DOST SECRETARY, DR. ARCOT RAMACHANDRAN 12 DECEMBER 1974. END SUMMARY.

1. NAG CHAUDHURI, RAMACHANDRAN, AND DESHPANDE (WHO MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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PROBABLY WILL LEAD THE GOI SECRETARIAT) ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON GOI PREPARATIONS. A MEETING OF THE FULL GOI SUB-COMMISSION ON S & T IS PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 31 WITH MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES, CIVIL SUPPLIES, AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, T. A. PAI. PRIOR TO THAT TIME, THE GOI PLANS TO CALL IN THE EMBASSY FOR A FIRST FORMAL DISCUSSION OF TENTATIVE AGENDA. NAG CHAUDHURI HAS HAD ONE MEETING WITH

CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION PARTHASARATHY DURING WHICH NAG REPORTEDLY SAID HIS TEAM WAS PREPARED TO HANDLE ALL SCIENCE POLICY, INCLUDING SCIENCE EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC SEMINARS. NAG WONDERED WHY PROFESSOR FRANK LONG WAS APPOINTED TO THE US EDUCATION AND CULTURE RATHER THAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMISSION.

2. APPARENTLY THE GOI FOREIGN MINISTRY WANTS THE GOI SUBCOMMISSION TEAM TO BE PRETTY MUCH OF A MIRROR IMAGE OF THE US TEAM, HENCE THE EAGERNESS TO HEAR WHOM WE APPOINT. IN ADDITION TO NAG CHAUDHURI AND RAMACHANDRAN, AT LEAST SIX OTHER INDIANS APPEAR TO BE IN THE RUNNING, BUT THE TOTAL TEAM MAY BE PARED DOWN TO, SAY, FIVE, IF THAT IS THE NUMBER ON THE US TEAM. THE SIX INCLUDE SCIATT ANNADAKRISHNAN, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY FOR IRRIGATION & POWER, C. C. PATEL, CHAIRMAN OF BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS, KRISHNAMURTHY, SOMEONE FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, HOPEFULLY INDIAN COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH DIRECTOR SWAMINATHAN, A MINISTRY OF HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE, AND AN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE.

3. THE DOST IS PREPARING BRIEFING PAPERS. IT PLANS TO AVOID CONTROVERSIAL AREAS, INCLUDE CONCRETE PROPOSALS, NAME INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS, AND SUGGEST WORKING GROUPS.

4. THE GOI IS PREPARING TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING AREAS (NOT NECESSARILY IN THE ORDER OF PRIORITY).

A. ENERGY - CONVENTIONAL, GEOTHERMAL, COAL TO GAS AND OIL, SOLAR. THEY WOULD LIKE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE US-UK-FRG COAL RESEARCH PROJECT. THEY PLAN TO PROPOSE ONE COAL AND ONE SOLAR ENERGY EXPERT AS CANDIDATES FOR THE NSF (NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION) SENIOR FOREIGN ENERGY SCHOLARS PROGRAM. THEY ARE STUDYING THE PROJECT INDEPENDENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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B. ARID ZONE RESEARCH - A DETAILED SUGGESTION IS ABOUT READY.

C. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE NARMADA VALLEY. THEY ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN WORK OF THE TYPE OF ROGER REVELLE'S GANGES BASIN STUDY, BUT CANNOT NAME THE GANGES BECAUSE OF BANGLADESH POLITICAL SENSITIVITY.

D. RECYCLING OF WASTES, POLLUTION CONTROL, AND PERTINENT MONITORING SYSTEMS. NAG CHAUDHURI IS INTENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION, BUT DOES NOT WANT TO USE THE WORD. HE IS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE GOI COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRON-

MENTAL PLANNING AND COORDINATION.

E. DATA BANKS AND DATA PROCESSING.  
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